

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, and 11-14 are pending in the application. Claims 8 and 10 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 14 are in independent form.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,113,051 to Moradell et al. (“the ’051 reference”).

However, the Examiner has indicated that claim 10-13 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim 8, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 8 and any intervening claims.

Additionally, the Examiner has indicated that new claim 14 is allowed.

Therefore, Applicant has amended the application to cancel claims 8 and 10. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 14. Claim 11-13 depend from base claim 14.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the ’051 reference be withdrawn and claims 9 and 11-13 be allowed as depending from allowed base claim 14.

Allowable Subject Matter

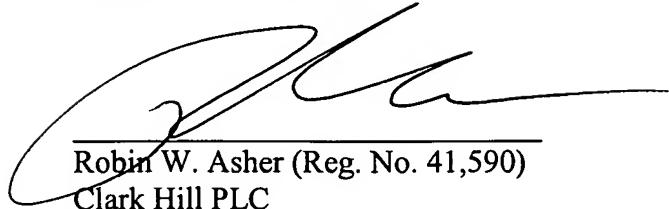
Claims 1-7 and 14 are allowed.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for immediate allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1759. A duplicate of this form is attached.

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